CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION

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Minutes July 27, 2006 Meeting – 12:00 Noon

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall Annex

Present: Stacey Pires, Mary Lu Mendonca, Eleanor Rances, Aru Manrique, John Zhang, Eileen Feldman, Dana LeWinter

The meeting began at 12:05 PM.

1. Reading and Approval of June 22 Meeting Minutes: After a short discussion, on a motion by Aru, seconded by Stacey, the Commission:

VOTED (4-0, 1 Late): to approve the June 22 Meeting Minutes.

Review of Call Log: Dana reported that she received only a few calls this month, all in regard to tenant/landlord issues, no Fair Housing items. She asked if the Commissioners would prefer that she report on the calls quarterly and only more often if a particularly interesting or pressing call occurs. The Commissioners agreed to this system.

2. Unfinished Business:

■ Ciampa Manor update: Eileen spoke to the Commission about the situation. A letter has been posted at Ciampa Manor stating that steps are being taken to make the front door automatically accessible. Dana distributed a written copy of the text of that letter. Eileen will follow-up on the progress of these efforts and expect the work to be done by September 15th. She will also follow up with SHA to determine how the temporary doorbell system will work and to ensure that it is in place. Mary Lu noted that initially there were two problems, the back door and the front door. It is not yet clear that the back door has been fixed. Several follow-up items have been undertaken.

- i. Dana will distribute brochures and flyers to all SHA locations re:FHC
- **ii.** Eileen will contact Kevin Bumpus to set up a meeting to debrief on the Ciampa Manor issue
- **iii.** Eleanor to contact Cindy Hickey to see if she would like to participate in this meeting as well.
- iv. Dana to determine schedule of SHA tenant's meetings for Commissioners to attend in the fall.
- By-laws: The Commissioners discussed the latest version of the by-laws.
 They agreed to keep the bi-annual elections of a Chairperson. Also agreed to replace the term "Executive Director" throughout document with "staff". On a motion by Mary Lu, seconded by Eleanor, the Commission:

VOTED (3-0, 2 absent): to adopt the By-laws with highlighted changes pending approval of legal counsel.

- **3. New Business:** Dana to try and locate an electronic version of the Landlord Guidebook to forward to John for distribution to local realtors.
- 4. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM. The next meeting of the FHC will be held August 24, 2006 at Noon at City Hall Annex First Floor Conference Room.